

SENATE BILL 146
By Fowler

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to school finance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-356, is amended by deleting the first sentence of the section and by substituting instead the following:

The state shall provide seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds generated by the Tennessee BEP formula in the classroom components, seventy-five percent (75%) in the instructional positions component for at-risk students, seventy-five percent (75%) in the instructional positions component for English language learners, sixty-five percent (65%) in the instructional positions component for all other students, and fifty percent (50%) in the nonclassroom components as defined by the state board.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-361, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) The department of education and the state board are directed to implement the kindergarten through grade three (K-3) at-risk class size program in accordance with policies developed by the department and approved by the state board. In fiscal year 2006-2007, there shall be included in the Tennessee BEP an amount of money sufficient to fund one (1) full-time teaching position for each fifteen (15) students for fifty-two and five-tenths percent (52.5%) of the at-risk students in kindergarten through grade three (K-3). In fiscal year 2007-2008, there shall be included in the Tennessee BEP an amount of money sufficient to fund one (1) full-time teaching position for each fifteen (15) students for seventy-seven and seven-tenths percent (77.7%) of the at-risk students in kindergarten through grade three (K-3). In fiscal year 2008-2009 and thereafter, there

shall be included in the Tennessee BEP an amount of money sufficient to fund one (1) full-time teaching position for each fifteen (15) at-risk students in kindergarten through grade three (K-3).

(b) In fiscal year 2006-2007, there shall be included in the Tennessee BEP an amount of money sufficient to fund one (1) full-time English language learner instructional position for each forty (40) students who are English language learners and one (1) full-time translator for each four hundred (400) students who are English language learners. In fiscal year 2007-2008, there shall be included in the Tennessee BEP an amount of money sufficient to fund one (1) full-time English language learner instructional position for each thirty (30) students who are English language learners and one (1) full-time translator for each three hundred (300) students who are English language learners. In fiscal year 2008-2009 and thereafter, there shall be included in the Tennessee BEP an amount of money sufficient to fund one (1) full-time English language learner instructional position for each twenty (20) students who are English language learners and one (1) full-time translator for each two hundred (200) students who are English language learners.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.